

# **NO WORKER LEFT BEHIND OSMIS CHANGES**

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## **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS:**

**Question:** Clarification please: A future date can be entered for a scheduled orientation, not to exceed a year? However, we cannot enter a future date for attended, correct?

**Answer:** Yes, that's exactly correct. You can show them scheduled in the future, but you cannot show them attending in the future.

**Question:** When does this system change go into effect?

**Answer:** We don't have a firm date, but it should be ready for production by mid-May. There will be a policy issuance and notices on the system when the change is going into effect.

**Question:** Does the person who enters the original orientation have to be the one to update?

**Answer:** No. Anyone within the MWA can update that information.

**Question:** Sometimes we answer questions about NWLB but person is not scheduled for orientation at that time. What do we do in that instance?

**Answer:** If you are just answering very general questions, then don't enter them in the system. If you are sharing specific NWLB info, orientation like information, then they should be entered.

**Question:** When this change occurs, will the MIS system automatically add historical Orientation attendance for those existing people in MIS with NWLB Activities?

**Answer:** No. It's not going to go into the past. It will only work from the implementation forward.

**Question:** Are you including participants eligible for OJT as part of the WFT count?

**Answer:** Yes, OJT is a training activity and if you are ready to put them in, but for some reason the employer has to delay, or you have to wait for funding, then you would put the individual in this category.

**Question:** Please define Training Estimated End Date and Training End Date again.

**Answer:** Estimated End Date is a System generated timeframe for the activity duration. The training End date is the date they end their Waiting for Training.

**Question:** Does the WFT activity affect the waiver activity in the MIS for TAA? They require a waiver activity until they start training, so will the open ended WFT offset the waiver act?

**Answer:** No you still have to enter TAA waivers in the MIS. WFT activity does not supersede a TAA waiver.

**Question:** What about the many people who attend an orientation but may not be appropriate for training? For example, low assessment scores, requested programs are not approved, not eligible for WIA etc. Isn't "waiting for training" misleading?

**Answer:** WFT activity is only for those who you have already made the decision to pay for their training.

**Question:** It sounds as if anyone visiting your center should be entered as WFT. Why not simply create a drop down option in the Mediated Service area of the MIS system.

**Answer:** No that's not true. Those who come in for orientation should be entered. But WFT is only for those whom you are planning to pay for the training. This is a different group than the waiting for orientation group.

**Question:** I do understand that, 99% of the customers visiting our center are registered for either a NWLB or WIA orientation. Why are we counting this?

**Answer:** Because this is an item of data that the Governor's office has requested.

**Question:** Why not have the people interested in orientation sign up on the registration at the centers. Everyone that comes into the center is interested in NWLB orientation.

**Answer:** This was initially considered, but it was decided that it would be easier system wise to enter, and it gives local MWAs more control who is signed up for which sessions, on what days, etc. It may not be the way everyone wants to do it, but it is the way this was decided. It is easier to capture the information in the system this way, than to ask MWA's at any given moment to go back through records and capture the information. After all the discussion this is the result.

**Question:** It won't happen to the youth will it? 18 or 19 year olds just out of school?

**Answer:** If you are talking specifically about youth who are receiving WIA youth funding, that is not part of NWLB funding.

**Question:** If a NWLB participant in the Adult WIA program is also in Work First - and Work First/Jet puts the person into some additional activity here - how will that effect the common measures exit.

**Answer:** This does not affect Common Measures at all. Work First is not part of Common Measures.

**Question:** We thought WF/Jet would count Work Experience as a NWLB activity. Was that incorrect?

**Answer:** You can include it. You still have optional training activities. But the five listed are mandatory NWLB.

**Question:** What about institutions that offer a certificate only for perhaps 6 months or less? Where do they fit on the screen?

**Answer:** The drop down list gives several options. You only have to choose an institution name if you select 2 year or 4 year institution.